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SUBJECT: BEGIN DISCUSSES SETTLEMENTS POLICY

1. SEPTTEL REPORTS AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH DAYAN
JULY 26 ON GOI DECISION TO LEGALIZE THE SETTLEMENTS AT
QADOUM, OFRA, AND MA'ALE ADUMIM AND NOTED THAT THE
PRIME MINISTER MIGHT TOUCH ON THIS SUBJECT DURING THE
KNESSET DEBATE TODAY. BEGIN DID, IN FACT, DISCUSS
YESTERDAY'S DECISION AND REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO THE
SECRETARY'S CRITICISM OF THAT DECISION. HE SAID
HE REGRETTED THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AND REVIEWED
HIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARD SETTLEMENTS, SAYING THAT
NO ARABS WOULD BE EXPELLED NOR ARAB LAND EXPROPRIATED
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AND THAT JEWISH SETTLERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO SETTLE
ANYWHERE IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL. HE ANNOUNCED THAT
THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR SETTLEMENT AFFAIRS,
HEADED BY AGRICULTURAL MINISTER SHARON, WILL IN
THE FUTURE HAVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE SETTLEMENTS ON
DECISIONS IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT.

2. THE TEXT OF BEGIN'S REMARKS ON THESE POINTS
FOLLOW: BEGIN TEXT: I WANT--AGAINST THE BACKGROUND
OF THE DECISION ADOPTED YESTERDAY BY THE MINISTERIAL
COMMITTEE FOR SETTLEMENT AFFAIRS, ACCORDING TO WHICH
QADOUM, OFRA AND MA'ALE ADUMIM WERE GIVEN RECOGNITION
--I WANT TO ANNOUNCE THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION
RELATING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF
STATE. HE SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE SETTLEMENTS ARE
AGAINST INTERNATIONAL LAW. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,
I WOULD TELL THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THIS IS AN
UNFOUNDED ACCUSATION. THE STATE OF ISRAEL MAINTAINS
INTERNATIONAL LAW.

3. YET, IF SOMEONE BASES HIMSELF ON THE GENEVA TREATY
OF 1949, A TREATY AIMED AT DEFENDING THE CIVILIAN
POPULATION IN CONQUERED AREAS, I MUST SAY THE
FOLLOWING. FIRST, JEWISH SETTLEMENT DOES NOT AT
ALL HARM THE ARABS IN ERETZ YISRAEL. WE HAVE NOT
EXPROPRIATED, NOR WILL WE EXPROPRIATE LAND FROM ANY
ARAB. THE DECISION ADOPTED YESTERDAY APPLIES TO
THREE EXISTING SETTLEMENTS. NO ARAB LAND WAS
EXPROPRIATED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE
SETTLEMENTS. THEY ARE EXISTING SETTLEMENTS. IT IS
TRUE THAT THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT HAD DOUBTS
CONCERNING ONE SETTLEMENT, NAMELY QADOUM, AND THAT
FROM TIME TO TIME IT ISSUED ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THE
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EFFECT THAT THE SETTLERS THERE WILL PERHAPS NOT BE
ABLE TO REMAIN ON THEIR LAND. HOWEVER, THE POSITION
OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT DIFFERS FROM THAT OF THE
PREVIOUS ONE ON THIS MATTER. WE THINK THAT JEWS
HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE IN QADOUM. THEREFORE, WE
HAD NO DOUBT THAT WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NEW GOVERNMENT WE WOULD RECOGNIZE THESE THREE
SETTLEMENTS AS SETTLEMENTS IN ALL RESPECTS. NO
WRONG WAS DONE BY THIS TO ANY ARAB FAMILY. AND
SO WE SHALL ACT IN THE FUTURE AS WELL. JEWISH
SETTLEMENT WILL NOT BE CONNECTED WITH ANY WRONGDOING
OR ANY EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY OF ANY ARAB
RESIDENT ANYWHERE IN ERETZ YISRAEL.

4. I WANT, IN THE NAME OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT,
TO EXPRESS DEEP REGRET ABOUT THE DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT
WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE
ANNOUNCEMENT HAD NO JUSTIFICATION. IN OUR TALKS
WE DID NOT LEAVE ANY ROOM FOR DOUBT REGARDING OUR
BASIC POSITION ABOUT SETTLEMENT IN ERETZ YISRAEL.
WE DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE ANY ROOM FOR DOUBT TODAY
EITHER AND THEEFORE I HAVE SAID WHAT I HAVE SAID.

TRUE, ON THE MATTER OF SETTLEMENT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND ISRAEL'S GOVERNMENT. THE DIFFERENCES IN OPINION WERE NOT HATCHED YESTERDAY. THEY HAVE EXISTED SINCE THE SIX DAY WAR. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS OCCASIONALLY EXPRESSED A RESERVATION, IN PUBLIC AS WELL, ABOUT THIS OR THAT SETTLEMENT HERE OR THERE IN ERETZ YISRAEL. THESE ARE EXISTING DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL ARE FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. ON THIS MATTER WE HAVE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION.

5. THE GOVERNMENT TODAY DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF SETTLEMENT AND I AM HERE HONORED TO BRING THE DECISION
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ADOPTED BY ISRAEL'S GOVERNMENT BEFORE NOON TODAY. THE GOVERNMENT IS AGAIN AUTHORIZING THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR SETTLEMENT AFFAIRS TO DECIDE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SETTLEMENTS. THE DECISION OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR SETTLEMENT AFFAIRS WILL BE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS DECISION WILL BE VALID AS THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT. END TEXT.
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